economic and social development of Baiga tribe;

(b) what are the developmental works undertaken;

(c) whether any monitoring has been done in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that the quality of construction work undertaken, by the Authority was very poor; and

(e) if so, whether a high powered committee would be constituted to go into the working of the Baiga Development Authority, Dindori, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (e) Government of Madhya Pradesh has been asked to furnish the requisite information. On receipt of the same the reply will be placed on the table of the House.

Post-Retirement Schemes for the Aged

1442. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to involve voluntary organisations to take care of the aged;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government also propose to prepare schemes for post-retirement employment for the aged ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Since 1983-84, the Ministry of Welfare has been giving financial assistance to voluntary organisations working in the field of welfare of the aged. Under the 8th five year plan, a new Plan Scheme has been launched in 1992-93 called "Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to the Aged".

(b) During the last two financial years the number of organisations covered uder this scheme rose from 78 to 126, and the expenditure incurred showed an increase from Rs. 78 lakhs to Rs. 106 lakhs.

(c) The schemes implemented by the Ministry of Welfare do not provide for post-retirement employment for the aged.

Financial Assistance to States Implementing Prohibition

1443. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to prohibit sale of arrack in the State from 1st October, 1993;

(b) whether the Central Government propose to advise other State Governments to follow suit; and

(c) if so, whether the Central Government would extend financial assistance to the States implementing prohibition to make good their losses in revenue ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prohibition being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to follow suit.

(c) No, Sir.